

The Honorable John C. Coughenour

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

CAROL A. STEPIEN,

Plaintiff,

v.

GINA RAIMONDO, SECRETARY, UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE; UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE; NATIONAL
OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC
ADMINISTRATION, ALSO KNOWN AS NOAA;

Defendants.

CASE NO. 2:21-cv-01410-JCC

STIPULATED MOTION FOR
EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND
TO AMENDED COMPLAINT

NOTING DATE:
December 16, 2021

Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 6 and Local Rules 10(g) and 16, and hereby jointly stipulate and move for an extension of 30 days for Defendants to answer or otherwise respond to the Amended Complaint to February 2, 2022. Defendants' responsive pleading to the Complaint is currently due January 3, 2022.

A court may modify a deadline for good cause. Fed. R. Civ. P. 6(b). Continuing pretrial and trial dates is within the discretion of the trial judge. *See King v. State of California*, 784 F.2d 910, 912 (9th Cir. 1986).

The parties submit there is good cause for an extension of the deadlines. Defendants require additional time to review the allegations with the agency and prepare a response to be reviewed by the agency, which is difficult to coordinate with schedules over the upcoming holiday season. An extension of time to respond to the Amended Complaint will permit that review.

Stipulated to and presented this 16th day of December, 2021.

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ORDER

The parties having stipulated and agreed, it is hereby so ORDERED. Defendants may have until to February 2, 2022, to answer or otherwise respond to the Amended Complaint.

Dated this 20th day of December 2021.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John C. Coughenour", is written over a horizontal line.

John C. Coughenour
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE